

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, December 13, 2021 meeting held at Town Hall

Present: Chairman Steve Diorio, Selectman Bernie Rideout, Selectman Mike Carrier, and Selectman Richard Johnson; and Kim Worden. Also in attendance were Sarah Hudon, Colleen Hayes, James O'Malley, Bill Nebelski, and Chief Rataj.

6:00 p.m. Chair Diorio called the meeting to order.

Chair Diorio mentioned that Julie Seymour, Town Clerk was on schedule to discuss "Plan B" (coverage) for vacation and unexpected absences. She is unable to attend tonight due to illness. Jim in Winchester has agreed to take care of business until she can return; the State approved Winchester's plan and we need to approve the plan. Selectman Carrier **made a motion to approve** Plan B re: coverage for vacation unexpected absences, second by Rideout. Motion passes unanimously.

Selectman Carrier made a **motion to approve** the manifests of 12/13/2021; and public minutes of 12/6/21 second by Johnson. The vote is as follows: Diorio-aye; Rideout-aye; Carrier-aye; Johnson-aye; Motion passes unanimously.

\*\*\*

*New Business:*

A Permit Application for Retail Sales of Permissible Fireworks for American Promotional Events – TNT Fireworks, 963 Brattleboro Road was presented. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to approve** the Application for TNT, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

*Board Comments:*

Selectman Carrier noted that the Library Trustee Meeting was canceled for December.

Selectman Johnson attended the School Board Meeting last week where they worked on budgets. He shared his thoughts and concerns with them re: the budget while acknowledging that they turned money back and stayed flat. He also let them know that he will not be a candidate for Moderator for the School Board in March as he has done that for 30 years.

Selectman Rideout added that the Rec Meeting is canceled until January.

Chair Diorio mentioned that there is a Fire Department Committee Meeting tomorrow and a Budget Committee Meeting on Wednesday.

*Citizen Comments:*

Jim O'Malley informed the Board that the School submitted their proposed budget and Warrant Articles will be submitted today or within the next couple of days.

Bill Nebelski spoke of his concerns of wasted energy at the Community Center. He feels there is no reason to cool the building in the summer when not in use. He feels the heat should be programmed. He suggested there would be savings after initial expense by putting in sensor lights in the bathrooms and LED lights throughout. He added that the two doors on the side of the building need weather seal. Another concern was the timeframe of getting hot water in the kitchen and suggested putting on-demand individual hot water heaters in. He felt there will be some cost up front but savings in the long run. Chair Diorio thought he had some good ideas and feels they should look into it.

*Selectmen's Meeting Minutes*

Monday, December 13, 2021 meeting held at Town Hall

Bill also discussed the joint budget meeting they will be having on the 20<sup>th</sup> and noted that the Budget Committee does not have the power to act on wages and benefits...the Select Board does. He would like that to be explained at the joint meeting as they recently spent too much time on items they have no control over. Chair Diorio agreed he could do that.

Selectman Johnson added that the next meeting of the Human Resources potential position between the Town and School will be tomorrow night at 6:30 at the SAU offices.

Chief Rataj updated the Board on prior discussions about having to do double data entry. The former Chief was supportive of the new plan for computer database information management (IMC) however the tech people convinced the Sheriff to have no part, so Chief Rataj has the ability to again write a grant. He plans to use the \$10,000 toward a new multi-functional copier, as their machine recently broke. The funds for IMC will hopefully go into a new copier/scanner. It is expensive but they have to have it. Discussion followed. Staff will be forced to continue with double data entry indefinitely. They will be getting 3 more data licenses so that five can enter the system at once. Other ideas were discussed including part-time dispatch and possibly using a grant to replace the old phone system.

\*\*\*

6:29 p.m. Selectman Rideout **made a motion to enter into non-public session** under RSA 91: A-3, II, (a)- personnel with Sarah Hudon and Colleen Hayes, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; and Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

7:27 p.m. regular meeting reconvened.

Selectman Johnson **made a motion to seal the minutes**, second by Carrier. The vote was as follows: Carrier-aye; Diorio-aye; Johnson-aye; and Rideout-aye. Motion passes unanimously.

\*\*\*

7:27 p.m. Selectman Carrier made a **motion to adjourn**, second by Johnson. Motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden  
Secretary